

and realities that are symbolized by Memorial Day. This poem entitled "In Flanders Fields" serves as a lasting legacy to the terrible battles of World War I and to all the servicemen and women who have dedicated themselves to defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Committee Chairman DAN BURTON, Subcommittee Chairman JOE SCARBOROUGH, Ms. JUDY BIGGERT, Ms. ELEANOR HOLMES-NORTON, and other Members and staff of the House Government Reform Committee supporting this bipartisan resolution that honors the brave American men and women who have died defending freedom and peace. H. Con. Res. 302 calls on the people of the United States to observe a National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day.

The voluntary moment of silence at 3 p.m. local time in the various time zones that span our great nation, will offer all Americans the opportunity to participate in a symbolic act of national unity. In addition, this effort will reinforce the true meaning of Memorial Day and call attention to the high price that has been paid by Americans of all walks of life to win and defend our freedom, from George Washington's revolutionary forces to those heroes who have perished in more recent military actions from the Persian Gulf to Somalia to the Balkans.

In my personal experience, I grew up in a military family during the Cold War. My father, Colonel Donald Rohrabacher, a Marine Corps aviator, was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was also among thousands of Americans who participated in dangerous experimental military missions to develop the weapons systems that led to our technological advantage and ultimate Cold War victory. In particular, he commanded aviators participating in developing the methods of delivering nuclear weapons from tactical aircraft.

I recall my mother and father making Commander's condolence calls on the wives and children of members of his unit who perished in developing the dangerous aviation maneuvers. It was tragic that, because of the then-secret nature of this critical national security mission, the families never knew the true nature and importance of their sacrifices. They were told only that their loved ones perished in "training" exercises. I will never forget the faces of those widows and their children who were my playmates.

This resolution asks all Americans to recall and honor the sacrifices of these men and all of the others who made the ultimate sacrifice

for our freedom. I extend gratitude to Carmella LaSpada, the director of the non-profit No Greater Love organization, who originated the idea for the National Moment of Silence. From the middle of the Vietnam War, No Greater Love has worked with the families of deceased service members and those missing in action, organized celebrities to conduct hospital visits for wounded veterans and has conducted Memorial Day remembrance ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this resolution for a National Moment of Remembrance.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 302, legislation calling for a National moment of remembrance to honor the men and women who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace. I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this timely and appropriate measure.

This bill provides for a minute of remembrance to occur on each Memorial Day at 3 p.m., local time, for the population to pause and remember all those who selflessly gave their lives in defending the cause of freedom. It further calls on the President to issue a proclamation calling for the same.

Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day is a solemn occasion, that all too often in recent years, has become simply the unofficial start of summer or another excuse for a retail sale. Perhaps this is the result of the past near 30 years of relative peace.

Whatever the reason, it is important that we not forget the original reason for the founding of Memorial Day. This legislation will help to prevent this. We need to honor the memories of those who died to secure the blessings of liberty that we enjoy today. For this reason, I urge my colleagues to give their support to this worthy measure.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 302.

The question was taken.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA) at 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3852, the yeas and nays;

S. 1236, the yeas and nays; and

H. Con. Res. 302, the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN STATE OF ALABAMA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3852.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3852, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 354, nays 0, not voting 80, as follows:

[Roll No. 211]

YEAS—354

Abercrombie	Buyer	Dooley
Aderholt	Calvert	Doolittle
Allen	Camp	Doyle
Andrews	Campbell	Dreier
Archer	Canady	Duncan
Armey	Cannon	Dunn
Baca	Capps	Edwards
Bachus	Cardin	Ehlers
Baird	Carson	Ehrlich
Baldacci	Castle	Emerson
Baldwin	Chabot	Engel
Barcia	Chambliss	English
Barr	Clay	Eshoo
Barrett (NE)	Clayton	Etheridge
Barrett (WI)	Clement	Evans
Bartlett	Clyburn	Everett
Bass	Coble	Ewing
Bateman	Combest	Farr
Becerra	Condit	Fattah
Bentsen	Conyers	Filner
Bereuter	Cook	Fletcher
Berkley	Costello	Foley
Berman	Cox	Fossella
Berry	Cramer	Fowler
Biggert	Crane	Frelinghuysen
Bilbray	Crowley	Frost
Bishop	Cubin	Gallely
Blagojevich	Cummings	Ganske
Bliley	Cunningham	Gedjenson
Blumenauer	Danner	Gekas
Blunt	Davis (FL)	Gephardt
Boehlert	Davis (IL)	Gibbons
Boehner	Davis (VA)	Gilchrest
Bonilla	DeFazio	Gilman
Bonior	Delahunt	Gonzalez
Bono	DeLauro	Goode
Borski	DeMint	Goodlatte
Boswell	Deutsch	Gordon
Boucher	Diaz-Balart	Goss
Boyd	Dickey	Graham
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Granger
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Green (TX)
Burr	Dixon	Green (WI)
Burton	Doggett	Greenwood